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Direction and Control of the Search Function Search and Rescue Management Course

**Hosted By:
Madera County Sheriff's Office
March 3 - 7, 2008**

“**Direction and Control of the Search Function**” is a 5-day, 40-hour course with trained, professional, experienced instructors. The course is directed toward search and rescue coordinators, their alternates, team leaders and others having those responsibilities. This course format is designed to facilitate both full-time as well as volunteer SAR Management personnel and it includes the newly adopted NASAR “Managing the Lost Person Incident” text and a revised and updated course curriculum. Course objectives include:

- How to properly manage a search.
- How to develop a comprehensive search pre-plan. Understanding its importance to a successful search mission.
- Identify basic search and rescue resources; discuss their functions and limitations.
- Describe and discuss tactics used in search of lost persons.
- Describe resources/sequence of initial actions in applying search and rescue resources to find missing subjects.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop the search area in a given map problem.
- Describe the function of clue detection in relation to search theory.
- Identify key factors involved in deciding to suspend a mission.
- Introduction to Law Enforcement, Incident Command System. Describe functions of effective organization.
- Discuss how effectively managed search and rescue missions affect your agency's image.
- Discuss the importance of preventative search and rescue programs.

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WHEN: March 3rd – 7th, 2008

WHERE: Oakhurst, California – Yosemite Gateway Inn

DATE and TIME

Monday March 3rd thru
Friday March 7th, 2008
0800-1700 Daily

COURSE LOCATION

Yosemite Gateway Inn – Best Western
40530 Highway 41
Oakhurst, Ca
93644

LODGING

Yosemite Gateway Inn, Best Western
40530 Hwy. 41
Oakhurst, CA 93644
(559) 683-2378

A special lodging rate of \$53.00, plus tax, per night has been secured by our host, Sgt. Jim Bernardi of the Madera County Sheriff's Office at our host hotel, the Yosemite Gateway Inn – Best Western. Lodging reservations must be made by 02/10/2008. Please reference **“Madera County Sheriff's Office Class”** when making your reservation to secure this rate. If you would like to camp or use your RV, you may stay at any of the Bass Lake campgrounds located within 15 miles from the course location. For camping information call (559) 642-3212.

Directions: Located on State Route 41, in the township of Oakhurst, minutes from the South Entrance to Yosemite National Park.

COURSE REGISTRATION: Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis when our office receives applications. Applicants should register as soon as possible since class size is limited. **Telephone registration will not be accepted.** After receiving your application we will mail you a student package.

TO REGISTER BY INTERNET (preferred)

Go to www.oes.ca.gov, OES Divisions and Regions, Law Enforcement Branch, Wilderness Search and Rescue. Click on the SAR Training schedule, fill in application form and click on submit.

TO REGISTER BY FAX

Complete the online application form, print and fax to OES, Law Enforcement Branch at (916) 845-8314 attention Tonya Bagwill.

This course is certified by California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) under Plan IV for full-time regular law enforcement officers. Each student receives a manual, shoulder patch, lapel pin and a certificate upon course completion.